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Office Action Summary

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KHAN ET AL.

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 07 July 2006.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-20 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
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Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

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DETAILED ACTION

1. Applicant's amendment filed on July 07, 2006 in response to Examiner's Office Action has been reviewed. Claims 1, 5, 9 and 17 have been amended.
2. Claims 1-20 are presented for examination.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

3. Claims 1-20 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over **Cherrington et al.** (Hereinafter "Cherrington") US Patent No. 6,070,155, in view of **Melick et al.** (Hereinafter "Melick") US Patent Application No. 2001/0047283.

As to claim 1, Cherrington teaches a method of providing a receipt inspection reporting process comprising:

receiving receipt inspection reporting data via a receipt inspection reporting system [inspection report, ab; col. 10, lines 45 to col. 11, lines 33; 804 of fig. 8]; and

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storing the received receipt inspection reporting data in a database [customer/inspection database, 24 of fig. 1; 654 of fig. 6B; col. 8, lines 30-44], the receipt inspection reporting data configured for access using the receipt inspection reporting system [ab; col. 8, lines 10-44], wherein the stored receipt inspection reporting data is assigned different categories of defect [the inspection requests information different categories of defect, such as on the brake pedal, the parking brake, the panel lights and the wheels of the vehicle, see col. 14, lines 58-66, and col. 11, lines 43-49]; and

wherein the receipt inspection reporting data is processed via multi-layers [inspection results form different fields, 206, 208, 210 of fig. 2] for review and approval being reported [generates an inspection report after the inspection results have been inputs, ab; 902-914 of fig. 9; col. 4, lines 61-64; col. 8, lines 45 to col. 9, lines 27].

However, Cherrington does not explicitly teach that the inspection report system is applied in Internet and the inspection report data includes defect codes for assigning different categories of defect to facilitate access of the database. Melick teaches that the inspection report system is applied in Internet [0038; 0046; 0071; 0078], and the inspection report data includes defect codes for assigning different categories of defect to facilitate access of the database [see the damage codes: "B" for "Burned", "BT" for "Bent or twisted", "HD" for "Hook Damaged", or "WBM" for "Worn Below Minimum", etc., [see fig. 12; fig. 8] assigned to different categories, [see fig. 4] to facilitate access of the database [stored on the network server 100; see fig. 2; 0074; 0078; 0086].

Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the Data Processing art at the time of the invention to add the feature of Cherrington to the system of Melick as an

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essential means to and increase the accuracy of inspection report and expand the services of inspection reporting and tracking among a large number of parties located throughout the world.

As to claim 2, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches updating automatically the stored receipt inspection reporting data upon receiving updated receipt inspection reporting data [ab; 0074; 0077, claim 1].

As to claim 3, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches that the receipt inspection reporting data comprises information relating to one or more of defects or damages for a shipment of goods [0013; fig. 12].

As to claim 4, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Cherrington further teaches inputting receipt inspection reporting data for storing in the database [col. 4, lines 25-32; col. 8, lines 30-44].

As to claim 5, all limitations of this claim have been addressed in the analysis above, and this claim is rejected on that basis.

As to claim 6, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches entering additional receipt inspection reporting data using a plurality of predetermined data entry fields provided as part of the web-based receipt inspection reporting system [0013; 0074].

As to claim 7, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches entering new receipt inspection reporting data using a plurality of predetermined data entry fields provided as part of the web-based receipt inspection reporting system [fig. 6, 9, 12] .

As to claim 8, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Melick further teaches at least one of receipt inspection reporting shipment information, receipt inspection reporting log information, receipt inspection reporting defect information, receipt inspection reporting damage information and receipt inspection reporting correspondence information [fig. 12].

As to claim 9, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Cherrington further teaches searching and outputting receipt inspection reporting data based upon user defined search criteria [fig. 6]

As to claim 10, Cherrington and Melick teach the invention substantially as claimed. Cherrington further teaches that the web-based receipt inspection reporting system is configured to provide a predetermined list of defect codes for use in searching [col. 14, lines 58 to col. 15, lines 22; col. 22, lines 57 to col. 23, lines 17].

As to claims 11-20, all limitations of these claims have been addressed in the analysis above, and these claims are rejected on that basis.

Response to Arguments

4. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims 1-20 have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection.

Applicant argues that neither Cherrington nor Melick teaches defect codes for assigning different categories of defect to facilitate access of the database. Examiner respectfully disagrees. Examiner believes that Melick teaches that feature. Melick teaches that the inspection report system is applied in Internet [0038; 0046; 0071; 0078], and the inspection report data includes defect codes for assigning different categories of defect to facilitate access of the database [see the damage codes: "B" for "Burned", "BT" for "Bent or twisted", "HD" for "Hook Damaged", or "WBM" for "Worn Below Minimum", etc., [see fig. 12; fig. 8] assigned to different categories, [see fig. 4] to facilitate access of the database [stored on the network server 100; see fig. 2; 0074; 0078; 0086].

Conclusion

THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL. Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire THREE MONTHS from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within TWO MONTHS of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after

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the end of the THREE-MONTH shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than SIX MONTHS from the mailing date of this final action.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Thuy Pardo, whose telephone number is 571-272-4082. The examiner can normally be reached Monday through Thursday from 8:30 AM to 5:00 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Jeffrey Gaffin, can be reached at 571-272-4146.

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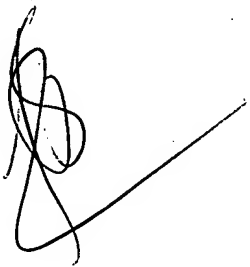
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September 27, 2006

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THUY N. PARDO
PRIMARY EXAMINER